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Professor Joshua Lederberg, President  
The Rockefeller University  
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Dear Professor Lederberg:

I am the editor responsible for books in the biological sciences in the New York office of CUP. In fact, we met very briefly during the evening some months ago when Rockefeller University entertained many New York publishers concerned with science books.

I am writing to you now to ask if you would be kind enough to help me with a little advice on a proposal I have received. This is for a book to be entitled The Molecular Paradigm in Biology by Professor Irwin Fleissner of Columbia Medical School and the Sloan-Kettering Institute. Professor Fleissner has prepared a detailed synopsis of the book he intends to write and I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of this. I should be extremely grateful for your brief thoughts on this proposal. It is a rather difficult kind of project to assess being the kind of book which should find its own market rather than being written to meet a definite need. Fleissner would, I know, be very interested to have some feedback from people in the field before he actually gets down to writing the book itself. Obviously, your own comments would be invaluable to me in coming to a decision on whether or not to go ahead with publication. We should, of course, expect to pay you a small honorarium for your advice.

I hope I shall hear from you.

Best wishes,

Richard L. Ziemacki  
Editor

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